

# Effect of Fluorine on Near-Liquidus Phase Equilibria of an Fe-Mg Rich Basalt

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## Abstract

Volatile species (H<sub>2</sub>O, CO<sub>2</sub>, F, Cl, etc) have important effects on the formation and crystallization history of basaltic magmas. Here, we have experimentally investigated the effects of F on phase equilibria of Fe-Mg-rich basalt. Our results show that fluorine has large effects on the liquidus temperature and the chemistry of crystallizing minerals. Compared to the F-free system, addition of ~2 wt.% F moves the olivine-pigeonite liquidus point down ~2 kbar and 95 °C (from 12 kbar, 1375 °C to 10 kbar, 1280 °C). With increasing fluorine concentrations,  $Kd_{Mineral-Melt}^{Fe-Mg}$  dramatically increases for both pyroxene and olivine, suggesting that fluorine in basaltic magmas complexes primarily with MgO. Complexing with MgO in the melt decreases its MgO activity, and forces the

23 crystallizing minerals to greater Fe/Mg, and so increases  $Kd_{Mineral-Melt}^{Fe-Mg}$ . Models of basalt  
24 generation, where the magma is fluorine-rich, need to include the effect of not only water  
25 but fluorine on liquidus depression and minerals crystallizing/melting. Our results  
26 suggest that fluorine may significantly aid in the petrogenesis of silica-poor, alkali-rich  
27 magmas in the Earth and Mars.

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## 1. Introduction

Volatile species ( $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{CO}_2$ , F, Cl, etc) are important in basalt genesis and mantle melting in arc, plume, ridge, and other planetary tectono-magmatic settings. Previous experimental work has mainly focused on the effects of water and carbon dioxide on liquidus temperature, phase relations, and compositions of basalts produced in these systems (e.g., Danyushevsky, 2001; Dasgupta et al., 2007; Feig et al., 2010; Feig et al., 2006; Gaetani and Grove, 1998; Gerbode and Dasgupta, 2010; Green, 1970; Grove et al., 2002; Grove et al., 2006; Médard and Grove, 2008; Mysen, 1975; Nekvasil et al., 2004). The effects of halogens in general, and those of fluorine in particular, have received far less attention (e.g., Brey et al., 2009; Filiberto and Treiman, 2009a; Filiberto and Treiman, 2009b; Foley et al., 1986). However, melts in planetary interiors can have non-negligible halogen concentrations, and the importance of chlorine and fluorine in basalt petrogenesis has been emphasized in recent literature both for Earth (Aoki et al., 1981; Brey et al., 2009) and Mars (Filiberto and Treiman, 2009a,b). Here, we explore the effects of fluorine on near-liquidus phase equilibria of a basalt.

*Fluorine concentrations in terrestrial magmas:* Evolved magmas (rhyolites and phonolites) can contain more than 5 wt% F (e.g., Carroll and Webster, 1994; Giordano et al., 2004; Harms and Schmincke, 2000; Webster et al., 1997); basaltic magmas typically contain less F than their evolved counter parts as summarized by Aoki et al. (1981) and Stecher (1998) for continental and oceanic basaltic rocks. They found that the abundance of F typically correlates with that of  $\text{K}_2\text{O}$  for most basaltic magmas, although this correlation breaks down at high  $\text{K}_2\text{O}$  concentrations. In tholeiites, F concentrations range from 30 to 1000 ppm (Aoki et al., 1981; Stecher, 1998; Yoshida et al., 1971); higher

primitive fluorine concentrations are seen in alkali rich rocks: nephelinites and kimberlites have concentrations up to 2000 ppm; and some lamproites contain up to 20,000 ppm (2 wt%) F (Aoki et al., 1981). This suggests that fluorine may be especially important for alkali-rich basaltic magmas. For example, primitive mantle of the Earth is estimated to have 25 ppm F (McDonough and Sun, 1995), thus with bulk partition coefficient of ~0.08 during mantle melting (Dalou et al., 2012), 0.1 to 2 wt.% partial melts will have F concentration of ~300 ppm (**Figure 1**).

*Fluorine concentrations in martian magmas:* Less is known about the fluorine concentrations of martian magmas. Bulk fluorine contents of the martian basalts (meteorites) are similar to those of terrestrial tholeiites (29-41 ppm, Dreibus and Wänke, 1985). But based on the F to Ti ratio, martian basalts and the bulk martian mantle are thought to be 2-3 times richer in F (and other halogens) than terrestrial basalts and mantle (Dreibus and Wänke, 1987; Treiman et al., 1986). If the F content of the martian mantle were three times greater than that of the Earth, similar low degree partial melting (as in the example above, 0.1-2 wt. %) should yield magmas with 950 to 750 ppm F (**Figure 1**). Further, alkalic basalts (typically rich in fluorine on Earth) have been suggested to occur, and maybe significant, on Mars (Dunn et al., 2007; McSween et al., 2006; Nekvasil et al., 2007). All of this, and the chemistry of volatile-bearing minerals in martian meteorites (amphiboles and apatite) suggests that fluorine, like chlorine (Filiberto and Treiman, 2009a; Filiberto and Treiman, 2009b; Patiño Douce and Roden, 2006; Patiño Douce et al., 2011), may be an important factor controlling basalt genesis in Mars (possibly to the extent of replacing water as the dominant volatile species).

*Previous work on fluorine in igneous systems:* Previous studies on fluorine in magmatic systems have mainly focused on the solubility mechanisms of F in aluminosilicate (+/-Na) melt and its effect on melt viscosity (Liu and Nekvasil, 2002; Liu and Tossell, 2003; Mysen et al., 2004; Schaller et al., 1992; Zeng et al., 1999). Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) studies of aluminosilicate glasses have shown that fluorine preferentially complexes with Al and possibly Si (Liu and Nekvasil, 2002; Liu and Tossell, 2003; Schaller et al., 1992; Zeng et al., 1999). For Na-aluminosilicate glasses four predominant complexes have been identified: Na-F, Na-Al-F (with Al in 4-fold coordination), Na-Al-F (with Al in 6-fold coordination), and Al-F (with Al in 6-fold coordination) (Mysen et al., 2004; Zeng and Stebbins, 2000). By complexing predominantly with Al in silica-rich magmas, F decreases their viscosity by depolymerizing the melt (Dingwell, 1989; Dingwell and Hess, 1998; Dingwell et al., 1985; Giordano et al., 2004; Zimova and Webb, 2007). This is a similar effect on melt structure and viscosity as dissolved water (e.g., Giordano et al., 2004).

Similar to NMR studies, most experiments on phase equilibria in F-bearing magmas have been on granitic or simplified systems (e.g, Dolejs and Baker, 2007a; Dolejs and Baker, 2007b; Foley et al., 1986; Lukkari and Holtz, 2007; Manning, 1981; Scaillet and MacDonald, 2001; Scaillet and MacDonald, 2003; Scaillet and Macdonald, 2006; Weidner and Martin, 1987; Xiao-lin et al., 1999; Xiong et al., 2002). Fluorine has dramatic effects on crystallizing phases (e.g, Dolejs and Baker, 2007a; Dolejs and Baker, 2007b; Foley et al., 1986; Manning, 1981). At 1 bar, in the Qz-Ab-Or-H<sub>2</sub>O system, addition of fluorine shifts the boundary of the quartz-alkali feldspar liquidus field away from the quartz apex; addition of 4 %wt F shifts the minimum melting compositions from

QZ<sub>37</sub>Ab<sub>34</sub>Or<sub>29</sub> to QZ<sub>15</sub>Ab<sub>58</sub>Or<sub>27</sub> (Manning, 1981). In the NaAlSiO<sub>4</sub>-CaMgSi<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>-SiO<sub>2</sub> system, also at 1 bar, fluorine reduces the liquidus temperature and changes the compositions of the liquids produced (Luth, 1988a). For example, the liquid in equilibrium with diopside at 1250° C in the F-bearing experiments is Di<sub>56</sub>Ab<sub>44</sub> compared with Di<sub>33</sub>Ab<sub>67</sub> in the F-free experiments. The results suggests that F is complexing with Ca and Mg in the liquid in a NaAlSiO<sub>4</sub>-CaMgSi<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>-SiO<sub>2</sub> simplified system (Luth, 1988a). At higher pressure (28 kbar) in the KAlSiO<sub>4</sub>-Mg<sub>2</sub>SiO<sub>4</sub>-SiO<sub>2</sub> system, fluorine expands the field of enstatite stability with respect to that of forsterite by complexing with Mg, K, and Al in the melt (Foley et al., 1986).

However, the solution mechanism for F in natural basaltic melts maybe more complicated than in the simple systems. Recent NMR work has shown that a significant proportion (>30%) of dissolved fluorine complexes with Mg (Kiczenski et al., 2004); while experimental results combined with NMR and Raman spectroscopy studies have suggested that F may complex with Ca (Luth, 1988b; Zeng and Stebbins, 2000). Fluorine complexation with cations other than Al will not only lower the liquidus and affect the viscosity, but also change the phase relations of crystallizing magmas. However, these complexations are presumably bulk composition dependent.

In order to understand how fluorine behaves in a Si-poor, Mg, Fe-rich basaltic system we have experimentally determined near liquidus phase relations of a synthetic basalt doped with F. The results of these experiments can be directly compared with our previous work on the same synthetic basalt conducted nominally volatile-free (Filiberto et al., 2008) and doped with chlorine (Filiberto and Treiman, 2009a).

## **2. Methods**

## 2.2 *Experimental approach*

### 2.2.1 *Starting composition*

We have conducted nominally anhydrous piston cylinder experiments on an Fe-rich model basalt composition synthetic starting material (**Table 1**). The choice of the basalt composition was motivated by the fact that the same composition had previously been used to study the effect of chlorine on near-liquidus phase equilibria (Filiberto and Treiman, 2009a). The synthetic starting material was made from reagent grade oxides and carbonates ground together under acetone in an automatic mortar and pestle for 15 minutes to ensure homogeneity (Filiberto et al., 2008). This powdered mix was melted in an iron-saturated Pt crucible in a muffle furnace at 1500°C under air, quenched to a glass, and reground for 15 minutes. The same powder and experimental techniques from our previous work was used for this study thus allowing comparisons between current and past studies (Filiberto and Treiman, 2009a; Filiberto et al., 2008); however, 2.1 wt% fluorine was added to the starting mix as  $\text{AgF}_2$ .

### 2.2.2 *Experimental Technique*

High pressure experiments were conducted in a non-end-loaded QuickPress<sup>®</sup> piston-cylinder apparatus at Johnson Space Center High Pressure Laboratory. Standard methods were employed. Starting materials were held in graphite sample capsules, which were installed in straight graphite furnaces, insulated with  $\text{BaCO}_3$  sleeves and crushable  $\text{MgO}$  spacers (Filiberto et al., 2008). Before each run, the synthetic powder plus  $\text{AgF}_2$  was loaded into a graphite capsule and stored for at least 12 hours in an oven at 150 °C in order to drive off absorbed  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ . Temperature was measured using a W5%Re/W25%Re thermocouple placed in an indentation in the graphite sample capsule and range from

above the liquidus to just below the liquidus. Pressure in the experiments was measured on a Heise gauge and corrected for friction by -0.3 kbar based on the location of the diopside melting curve (Filiberto et al., 2008). Pressures in these experiments ranged from 5.7 kbar to 14.7 kbar and friction corrected pressures are reported (**Table 2**). The oxygen fugacity,  $fO_2$ , of our experiments has not been directly measured. However, the graphite capsules constrain the  $fO_2$  of the assemblage, at elevated pressures, to ~1-2 log units below the FMQ oxygen buffer (Frost and Wood, 1995; Médard et al., 2008).

Experiments were conducted using a piston-out procedure – the experiment was pressurized cold to 2 kbar above the experimental pressure, brought to the desired temperature, and then brought down to the final pressure. Samples were kept for 30 minutes above the liquidus temperature, rapidly cooled to the final crystallization temperature where they remained for at least one hour, and finally quenched at pressure. This technique was employed in order to mimic natural magmatic conditions where crystals form directly from a molten liquid, rather than synthesis techniques of going directly to the crystallization temperature where crystals form from the powder.

In order to determine mineral abundances and verify that the experiments were chemically closed systems, mass balance calculations were conducted using the average starting bulk composition (**Table 1**) and the compositions of the crystallized phases and residual glass (**Table 3**), using the least square computations of the IgPet software package (Carr, 2000).

## *2.3 Chemical Analyses*

### *2.3.1 Major Element Analyses*



Experimental run products, glasses and crystalline phases, were analyzed for major and minor element abundances using the Cameca SX-100 electron microprobe at the NASA Johnson Space Center. Analytical conditions were 15 kV accelerating potential and focused electron beam of 20 nA current for minerals, and 15 kV electron accelerating potential and a defocused 5  $\mu$ m electron beam of 10 nA current for quenched glasses. Analytical standards were synthetic oxides and minerals for minerals and natural and synthetic glasses for glasses.

### 2.3.2 F analysis

Glass in experimental run products was analyzed for dissolved F using a Cameca IMS 1280 ion probe at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. Analytical standards were well characterized basaltic glasses. Experimental and standard samples were mounted in indium and gold-coated for analysis. The  $^{19}\text{F}/^{30}\text{Si}$  ratio was measured by the ion probe, and F abundances were calculated using Si abundances measured by EMP (Helo et al., 2011). Replicate analyses were done on each sample to gauge precision, and an analytical uncertainty of ~10% of the measured abundance of F reflects uncertainties from counting statistics, and standard compositions (Table 2). Because the basaltic standards had lower F concentrations than our experimental sample glasses, a linear extrapolation of the calibration curve was adopted (e.g., Helo et al., 2011).

### 2.3.3 H<sub>2</sub>O and CO<sub>2</sub> analyses

Because small amounts of dissolved water can have large effects on basalt liquidus temperatures (e.g., Almeev et al., 2007; Danyushevsky, 2001; Médard and Grove, 2008) and because performing completely dry but other volatile-bearing experiments is practically impossible, micro-FTIR analyses were conducted to determine

the water contamination of the experimental glasses. Samples were analyzed using a Nicolet Contium FTIR in the geochemistry laboratory at Rice University. Total dissolved water contents were determined on doubly polished glass wafers from the intensity of the broad band at  $3570\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . Each doubly polished wafer was measured for thickness using a Mitutoyo electronic indicator with a 0.015" carbide needlepoint tip. For each sample 512 scans were used to acquire each IR spectrum. Density of the glass was calculated from the bulk composition using the procedure of Dixon et al. (1995). A molar absorptivity value of 65 (L/mol-cm) was applied (King et al., 2004). Total water concentrations are reported in **Table 3**. They were calculated using the total  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  vibration band at  $3550\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and the procedures of Dixon et al. (1995) and King et al. (2004).

Because the starting material for our experiments was not reduced prior to the high-pressure experiments, our experimental glasses were expected to suffer contamination by small amount of  $\text{CO}_2$ , owing to reduction of  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  to  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  by reaction with graphite. Micro-FTIR analysis was used to determine the dissolved  $\text{CO}_3^{2-}$  contents of our experimental glasses. For each sample 512 scans were used to acquire each IR spectrum. Density of the glass was calculated from the bulk composition using the procedure of Dixon et al. (1995). Total  $\text{CO}_3^{2-}$  concentrations were calculated using molar absorptivity values of 284 and 281 (L/mol-cm) for the carbonate ion vibration band at 1515 and  $1430\text{ cm}^{-1}$  respectively (King et al., 2004) and the procedures of Dixon et al. (1995) and King et al. (2004).

### 3. Results

The FTIR spectra, for representative sample Hf18, shows peaks for both dissolved H<sub>2</sub>O and CO<sub>3</sub><sup>2-</sup> (**Figure 2**) representing volatile contamination in our experiments. The fluorine-bearing experiments contain an average of 0.34±0.07 wt. % H<sub>2</sub>O. Selected samples analyzed for dissolved carbon show that the CO<sub>2</sub> contaminations are more scattered and give approximate average dissolved CO<sub>2</sub> contents of 0.53±0.28 wt. % (**Table 3**).

**Figure 3** shows the near-liquidus phase diagram for the F-bearing basaltic composition in *P-T* space. Above 12 kbar, pigeonite is the liquidus phase; below 10 kbar, olivine is on the liquidus. At approximately 10 kbar and 1265 °C, the bulk composition with ~2 wt.% fluorine is multiply saturated with both olivine (Fo<sub>67</sub>) and pigeonite (En<sub>64</sub>Wo<sub>7</sub>Fs<sub>29</sub>). In the *P-T* range of our experiments, the olivine composition spans the range from Fo<sub>67</sub> near the liquidus to Fo<sub>58</sub> at lower temperatures. The pyroxenes are all pigeonite, and range from En<sub>67</sub>Wo<sub>7</sub>Fs<sub>26</sub> near the liquidus through En<sub>57</sub>Wo<sub>12</sub>Fs<sub>30</sub> at lower temperatures.

### 4. Discussion

#### 4.1 Liquidus depression effect of Fluorine

Liquidus temperatures (at a given pressure) determined in this study for the F-bearing composition, are systematically lower than those of the F-free composition investigated earlier (Filiberto et al., 2008). However, quantification of the basalt liquidus depression effect of fluorine requires comparing all the data at the same background volatile content level. The fluorine-bearing experiments in our study contain more water

contamination (~0.34 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O; **Table 3**) than the previous fluorine free experiments (~0.1 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O; Filiberto et al. 2008) and water is known to depress the liquidus temperature (e.g., Médard and Grove, 2008); therefore, in order to make a direct comparison, temperatures of all experiments need to be corrected to a water-free system, i.e.,

$$\Delta T (^\circ\text{C})^{\text{F}} = \Delta T (^\circ\text{C})^{\text{Total}} - \Delta T (^\circ\text{C})^{\text{H}_2\text{O}} \quad (1)$$

where  $\Delta T (^\circ\text{C})^{\text{F}}$  is the liquidus temperature depression caused by fluorine only,  $\Delta T (^\circ\text{C})^{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$  is the liquidus temperature depression caused by water only and  $\Delta T (^\circ\text{C})^{\text{Total}}$  is the total liquidus temperature depression observed in our experiments. In equation (1), we assume that the liquidus depression effects of water and fluorine are additive. To calculate  $\Delta T (^\circ\text{C})^{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$  we use the liquidus depression equation from Médard and Grove (2008)

$$\Delta T (^\circ\text{C})^{\text{H}_2\text{O}} = 40.4 (C_{\text{melt}}^{\text{H}_2\text{O}}) - 2.97 (C_{\text{melt}}^{\text{H}_2\text{O}})^2 + 0.0761 (C_{\text{melt}}^{\text{H}_2\text{O}})^3 \quad (2)$$

and add the calculated  $\Delta T (^\circ\text{C})^{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$  to all of our experimental temperatures. Uncorrected and corrected temperatures ( $T^*$ ) are reported in **Tables 2** but all temperatures used in **Figures 4-7** are corrected for dissolved water and hence reflect the estimated temperatures of the experimental assemblages if no water was present in the experiments.

No correction has been applied to account for the small amount of dissolved CO<sub>2</sub> because it likely has no discernable effect on the liquidus temperature of our experiments. Brey and Green (1977; 1976) estimated the effect of dissolved CO<sub>2</sub> on the high pressure liquidus temperature of olivine melilitite. Their study indicates that ~0.5 wt% dissolved CO<sub>2</sub> (as carbonate) at 3 GPa lowers the liquidus of olivine melilitite, an extremely silica-undersaturated magma, by less than 10-15 °C. The effect of CO<sub>2</sub> at lower pressures (this

study) and for more silica-rich basalt compositions will be even less pronounced ( $\ll 10$  °C).

We assume that the effects of different volatiles, i.e.,  $H_2O$  and halogens on liquidus depression are additive (equation 1). In order to test this assumption, we calculated the expected liquidus depression for basalt from the study of McCubbin et al. (2008). The basalt composition from the study of McCubbin et al. (2008) is similar to the bulk composition from our experiments (this work, Filiberto and Treiman, 2009a; Filiberto et al., 2008) but with two important differences – (1) their experiments were doped with  $H_2O$ , Cl, and F and (2) their bulk composition contained Cr, therefore, had chromite as the liquidus phases. Because our experiments were conducted Cr-free, we ignored possible effect of chromite and considered the Ol-Pyx liquidus only. In their study, experiments were conducted at 9.3 kbar with two different bulk compositions – (1) 0.07 wt%  $H_2O$ , 0.56 wt% F, and 0.15 wt% Cl and (2) 1.67 wt%  $H_2O$ , 0.55 wt% F, and 0.21 wt% Cl, respectively (McCubbin et al., 2008). For the effect of  $H_2O$  on the liquidus depression we use equation 2 from Médard and Grove (2008), for the effect of F and Cl on liquidus depression we use the results from our experiments (equation 3 below). For bulk composition 1, starting from the volatile-free solidus of Filiberto et al. (2008), we calculate an ol-opx liquidus temperature of 1300 °C at 9.3 kbar whereas the actual experimental results have an ol-opx liquidus temperature of 1260  $\pm$  10 °C at 9.3 kbar (McCubbin et al., 2008). Similarly, for bulk composition 2, the actual experimental results have an ol-opx liquidus temperature of 1225  $\pm$  25 °C (McCubbin et al., 2008) whereas we estimated a temperature of 1240 °C. This shows the validity of the assumption that basalt liquidus depression caused by a mixed halogen-water can be

within error approximated by the addition of the effect of individual species. The good reproduction of the McCubbin et al. (2008) liquidus suggests that at least for similar bulk and volatile composition this approach may be reasonable.

**Figure 4** compares the pressure-temperature phase relations for the F-bearing experiments and the F-free experiments (Filiberto et al. 2008) after their nominal temperatures have been corrected for dissolved water. It is apparent from **Figure 4** that fluorine has a significant and large effect on the liquidus position and phase boundaries in basaltic system. Addition of ~2 wt.% F moves the olivine-pigeonite liquidus point down ~2 kbar and 95 °C (from 12 kbar and 1375 °C to 10 kbar and 1280 °C) by expanding the stability field of pigeonite to lower pressure compared to the F-free experiments. We note that although we feel confident about correcting for the variable amount of water for the basalt liquidus when olivine is the sole liquidus phase, such correction for higher pressure experiments, i.e., with pigeonite as the liquidus phase, is less certain. This is because the liquidus depression effect of water on the liquidus of pigeonite is not constrained for composition similar to that explored in our study.

#### 4.2 Fluorine Complexation in the Melt and Compositions of Crystallizing Phases

In order to constrain how fluorine is complexing in the melt, we can investigate the effect of dissolved fluorine on Fe-Mg partitioning between minerals and melt ( $Kd_{Mineral-Melt}^{Fe-Mg} = [X_{FeO}^{(ol, pig)} X_{MgO}^L] / [X_{MgO}^{(ol, pig)} X_{FeO}^L]$ ). **Figure 5** shows  $Kd_{Mineral-Melt}^{Fe-Mg}$  for both olivine and pyroxene compared with the wt.% fluorine in the melt as analyzed by SIMS. With increasing fluorine concentrations,  $Kd_{Mineral-Melt}^{Fe-Mg}$  dramatically increases for both pyroxene and olivine, suggesting that fluorine in the basaltic magma is complexing

with MgO over FeO in the melt. Complexing with MgO in the melt will decrease the MgO activity in the melt and force the minerals crystallizing to be more ferroan (higher Fe/Mg) than they would be without fluorine in the melt. Our results are thus consistent with NMR studies, which suggest the presence of Mg-F complexes in fluorine bearing aluminosilicate glasses (Kiczinski et al., 2004). However, the nature of the F-cation complexes is likely highly compositionally dependent (Liu and Nekvasil, 2002; Liu and Tossell, 2003; Luth, 1988b; Schaller et al., 1992; Zeng et al., 1999; Zeng and Stebbins, 2000). Therefore, the effect of fluorine on liquidus depression and mineral crystallization will depend on the melt composition and we caution the readers against applying our liquidus depression parameterization to other melt compositions.

#### *4.3 Fluorine Solubility*

The results here can also help to constrain our understanding of fluorine solubility in basaltic magmas. There is limited experimental data for fluorine solubility in magmas (for a review see Carroll and Webster, 1994). What experimental data there is for Si-rich magmas is mainly at low pressure and low temperature (Dolejs and Baker, 2007a; Dolejs and Baker, 2007b; Mysen et al., 2004; Scaillet and Macdonald, 2004; Webster, 1990). For example, NaAlSi<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> magma compositions can contain up to ~20 wt% F at 15 Kbar, Ca-poor peralkaline rhyolitic melts can contain up to 4.28 wt% at 1 bar, and rhyolitic magma at pressures from 0.5-5 kbar can contain up to 8.5 wt% F (for a review see, Carroll and Webster, 1994; Scaillet and Macdonald, 2004; Webster, 1990). In natural carbonatitic melts, F content of up to 16 wt. % have been reported and in carbonated silicate melts of kimberlitic/melilititic affinity, F content of as much as 13 wt.% have been measured (Brey et al., 2009). Therefore, F solubility is likely compositionally dependent

and there is currently no experimental solubility data on natural basaltic magmas at pressure. The results here present constraints on the lower solubility limit of F in Fe-Mg-rich basaltic magmas at 5.7-11.7 kbar pressure. Because the magmas are not in equilibrium with fluorite, these results are only a minimum for the solubility. The glass in these experiments contain up to 2.89 wt. % suggesting that the F solubility in basaltic magmas are higher than this value.

#### 4.4 Comparison to the effects of chlorine

Experiments have been previously conducted on the same bulk composition used in this study to investigate the effect of chlorine on near-liquidus equilibria (Filiberto and Treiman, 2009a). Therefore, we can directly compare the effect of fluorine and chlorine on liquidus depression and  $Kd_{Mineral-Melt}^{Fe-Mg}$  on the same bulk composition. **Figure 6** shows the effect of dissolved volatile contents (Cl and F) on liquidus depression (a) and  $Kd_{Mineral-Melt}^{Fe-Mg}$  (b). These results show that for the pressures, temperatures, and compositions studied, fluorine and chlorine have similar effects on liquidus depression and a single power curve can be fit through the data to explain both data sets (equation 3).

$$\Delta T (^{\circ}\text{C}) = 46.737(C_{\text{melt}}^{\text{F or Cl in wt\%}})^{0.6263} \quad (3)$$

However, fluorine and chlorine have opposite effects on  $Kd_{Mineral-Melt}^{Fe-Mg}$ . Fluorine increases  $Kd_{Mineral-Melt}^{Fe-Mg}$  because it complexes mainly with Mg whereas chlorine decreases  $Kd_{Mineral-Melt}^{Fe-Mg}$  because it complexes mainly with Fe (Filiberto and Treiman, 2009a).



Because F and Cl likely form different ion-complexes in the melt, a single power curve fitting for both data sets in Figure 6a is surprising and likely coincidental.

#### 4.5 Comparison to the effects of water

In order to compare these results to the effect of water, we rely on experiments and models of the effect of water on liquidus depression conducted on varying basaltic bulk compositions over a range of pressures (0.1-10 kbar), temperatures (1350-1130 °C), water contents (0-11.5 wt.%), and approaches (Almeev et al., 2007; Ghiorso et al., 2002; Katz et al., 2003; Médard and Grove, 2008). **Figure 6** shows the effect of volatile contents (H<sub>2</sub>O, Cl, and F) on  $\Delta T$  (°C), the depression of the liquidus temperature. It appears that the effect of increasing H<sub>2</sub>O, Cl and F on basalt liquidus depression can be parameterized with similar function when compared on a weight percent basis. While analyzing and reporting Cl, F, and H<sub>2</sub>O in weight percent basis are the routine geochemical practice, to compare the freezing point depression effect of F, Cl and H<sub>2</sub>O on a more thermodynamically rigorous basis, it is more desirable to compare liquidus depression based on the atomic fraction of F, Cl and H. On an atomic fraction basis, F and Cl are actually 2-3 times more efficient at liquidus depression than H (**Figure 7**).

The effects of dissolved Cl, F, and H<sub>2</sub>O on  $Kd_{Mineral-Melt}^{Fe-Mg}$  are rather dissimilar which suggests that these species have different solution mechanisms, i.e. are sited differently in silicate magmas. Dissolved F increases  $Kd_{Mineral-Melt}^{Fe-Mg}$ , dissolved Cl decreases  $Kd_{Mineral-Melt}^{Fe-Mg}$ , and dissolved H<sub>2</sub>O has no discernible effect on  $Kd_{Mineral-Melt}^{Fe-Mg}$  (Figure 6, Filiberto and Treiman, 2009a; Gaetani and Grove, 1998; Médard and Grove, 2008; Whitaker et al., 2008). This is consistent with complexation of F and Cl with divalent ‘network-

modifying' cations while H<sub>2</sub>O does not complex with 'network-modifying' cations at all but bonds dominantly with Al (e.g., Burnham and Davis, 1974; Giordano et al., 2004).

## 5. Implications

Fluorine has a large effect on liquidus depression of basalts and the chemistry of crystallizing minerals; these effects will be especially important for low-degree partial melts, which may start with relatively high abundances of fluorine. If we extrapolate these experimental results to alkalic magma compositions (terrestrial or martian) with up to 5000 ppm F (likely derived from a F-rich source and/or as a result of very low-extent of melting; **Figure 1**), liquidus temperature can be depressed by an extra ~30°C which is not accounted for by dissolved water alone. If this can be further extrapolated to mantle temperatures, a ~30 °C shift in temperature, with a shift in ol:pyx stability field as well, enables alkalic melts to be produced at lower temperatures. This suggests that fluorine may significantly aid in the petrogenesis of silica-poor, alkali-rich magmas in the Earth and Mars. Because martian magmas can be more F-rich, it is perhaps more appropriate to further comment on the effect of fluorine on the multiple saturation point of olivine-opx-melt in martian igneous system. With average F content of ~5000 ppm, our present study suggests that the mantle potential temperatures relevant for Mars can be as low as 1335-1495 °C, distinctly lower than a recent estimate based on olivine-melt Mg-exchange thermometry (Filiberto and Dasgupta, 2011).

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**Figure Captions:**

**Figure 1.** Plausible concentration of fluorine in near-solidus partial melts of garnet peridotite as a function of melting degree for Earth (bulk F concentration from McDonough and Sun, 1995) and Mars (assuming that martian mantle contains three times F than that in the Earth's mantle). Bulk partition coefficient,  $D_F$  (peridotite-basalt), of 0.0785 is used based on olivine-melt  $D_F$  of 0.1164, opx-melt  $D_F$  of 0.0158, cpx-melt  $D_F$  of 0.0428, and garnet-melt  $D_F$  of 0.0123 from the study of Dalou et al. (2012). Garnet-melt, opx-melt, and cpx-melt  $D_F$  values are taken from the experiment C4p#25kb and that of olivine-melt  $D_F$  from the experiment CC01#8kb4 of Dalou et al. (2012). Peridotite mineral modes used for the calculations are 60% olivine, 20% opx, and 10% each of cpx and garnet. Because of the uncertainties in  $D_F$  (mineral-melt) for Martian mantle phase compositions, melt compositional trends for  $D_F = 0$  are also shown for reference.

**Figure 2.** Representative FTIR spectrum of sample Hf18 showing distinct peaks for total  $H_2O$  and  $CO_3^{2-}$  peaks.

**Figure 3.** Experimentally determined near-liquidus phase relations for synthetic basaltic composition with 2.17 wt% F.

**Figure 4.** Experimentally determined near-liquidus phase relations for synthetic basaltic composition with 2.17 wt% F (black symbols) compared with nominally volatile-free (gray symbols) experiments (Filiberto et al., 2008). Both data sets are corrected for dissolved water in experimental glasses.

**Figure 5.**  $Kd_{Mineral-Melt}^{Fe-Mg}$  as a function of F (wt%) for olivine-bearing (black circles) and pigeonite-bearing (open circles) experimental charges. Black lines represent linear

regressions through the data with  $R^2 = 0.8890$  for olivine and  $0.9076$  for pyroxene bearing experiments.

**Figure 6. (a)** Calculated liquidus depression ( $\Delta T^\circ$  in C) as a function of volatile element (F or Cl) content in the melt (wt%) for fluorine-bearing experiments (this study; circles) and chlorine-bearing experiments (squares) (Filiberto and Treiman, 2009a), compared with the calculated olivine-liquidus depression from previous studies (Almeev et al., 2007; Ghiorso et al., 2002; Katz et al., 2003; Médard and Grove, 2008). Experiments containing only liquid are shown by open symbols and those containing crystals (either olivine or pyroxene or both) are shown by closed symbols. All curves are fit through the origin. One sigma uncertainties in volatile concentrations are shown with error bars. Where error bars are not shown for chlorine concentrations, the  $1\sigma$  uncertainty is smaller than the size of the symbol. **(b)**  $Kd_{Mineral-Melt}^{Fe-Mg}$  as a function of volatile content (F, Cl, or  $H_2O$ ) in the melt. Closed symbols represent olivine-liquidus experiments and open symbols represent pyroxene-liquidus experiments. Data for water-bearing experiments (diamonds) from: Gaetani and Grove (1998, gray); Médard and Grove (2008, black); Whitaker et al. (2008, white), regression shown for all data (black solid line).

**Figure 7.** Calculated liquidus depression ( $\Delta T$  in  $^\circ C$ ) as a function of the atomic fraction of volatile species (F, Cl, H) in the melt for containing fluorine-bearing experiments (this study; circles) compared with previous chlorine-bearing experiments (squares) (Filiberto and Treiman, 2009a) and H-bearing olivine-liquidus experiments (triangles; Almeev et al. 2007) and (diamonds; Médard and Grove 2008). Experiments containing only liquid are shown by open symbols and those containing crystals (either olivine or pyroxene or both) are shown by closed symbols. All curves are fit through the origin.

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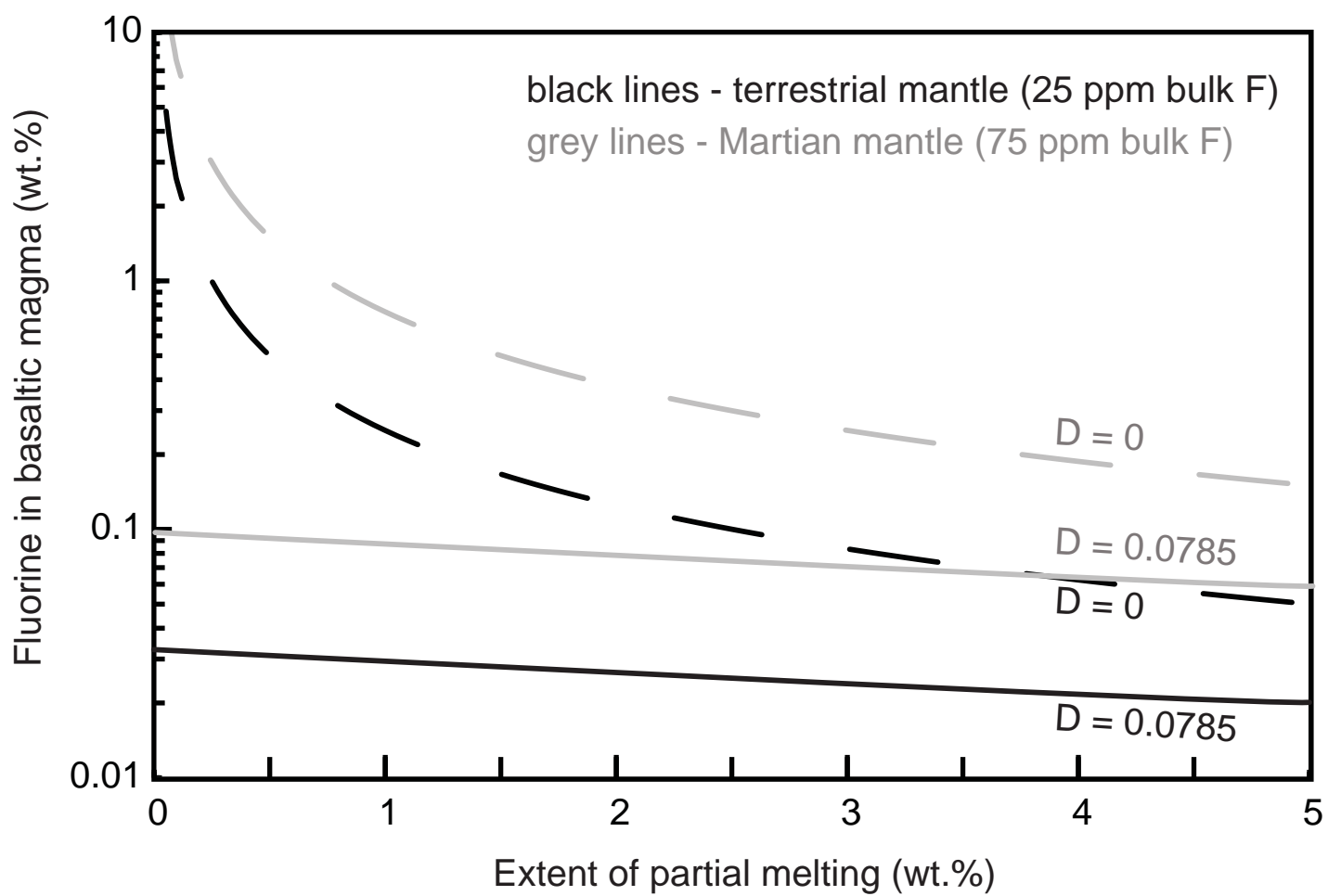


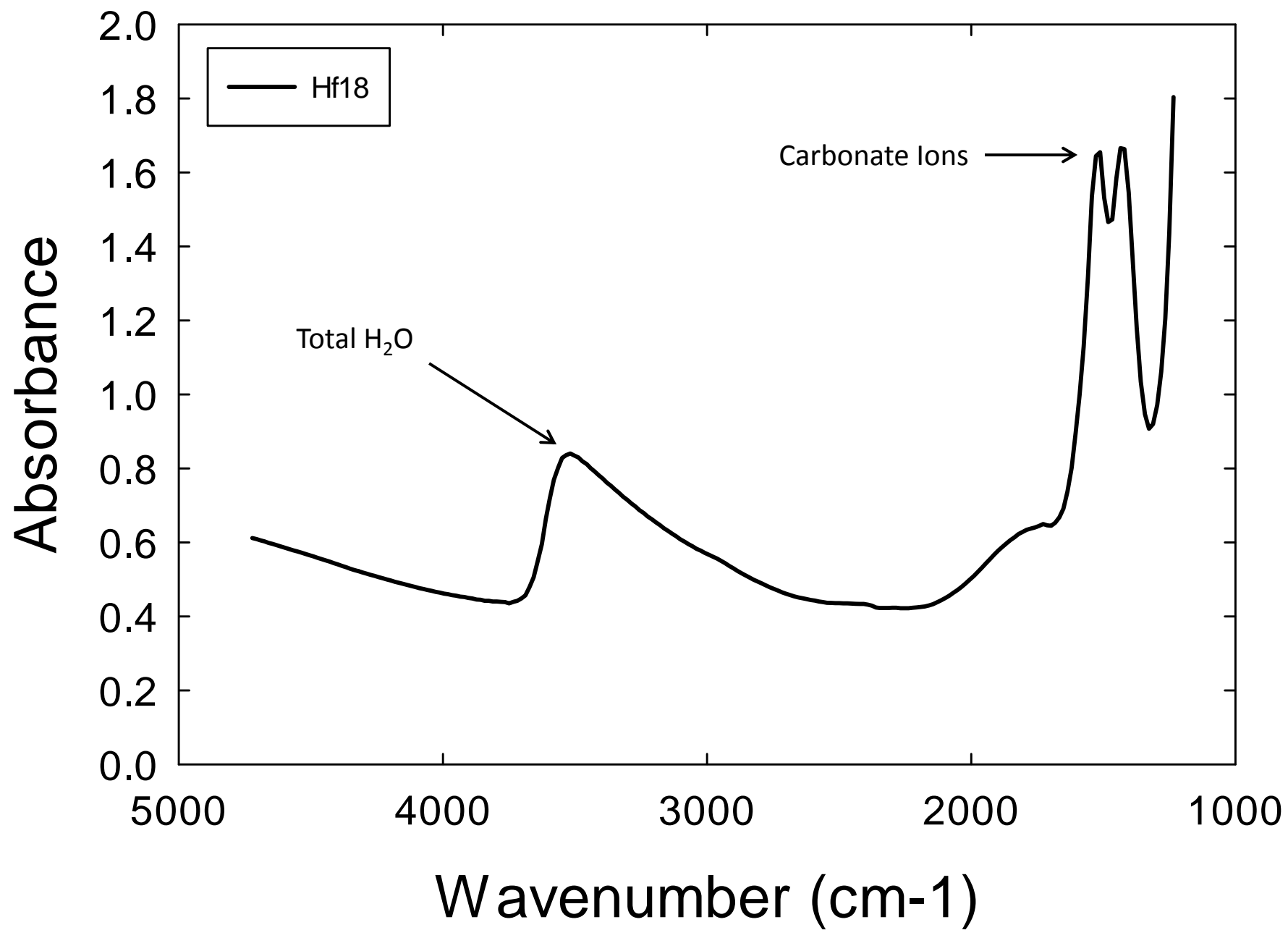
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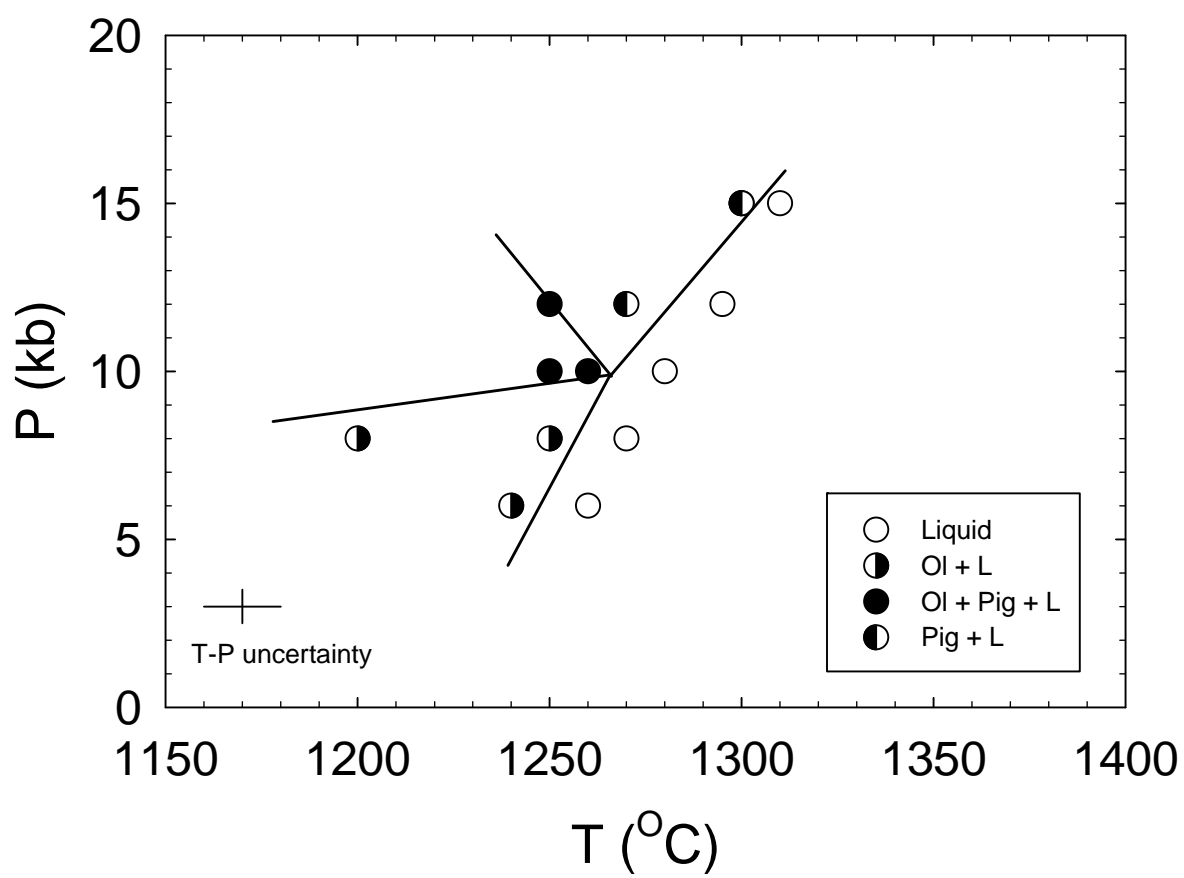
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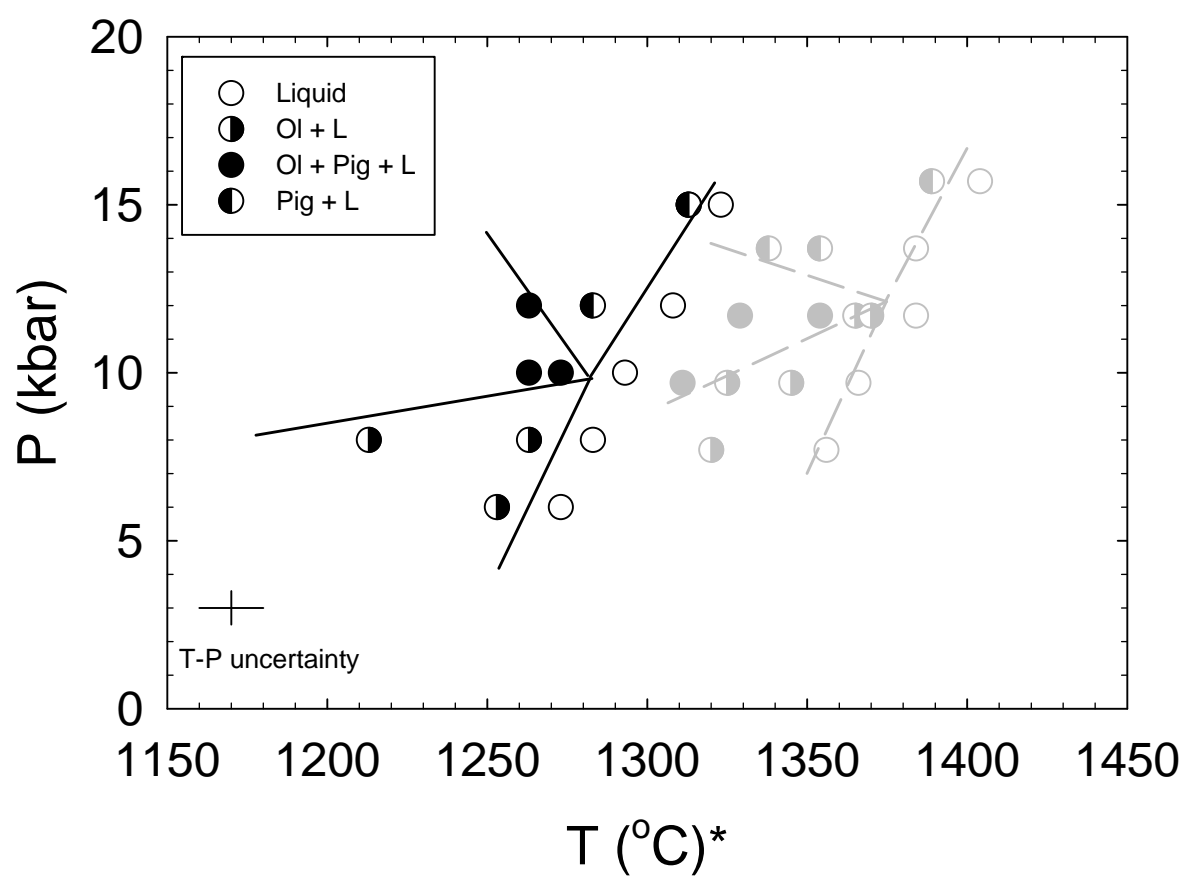
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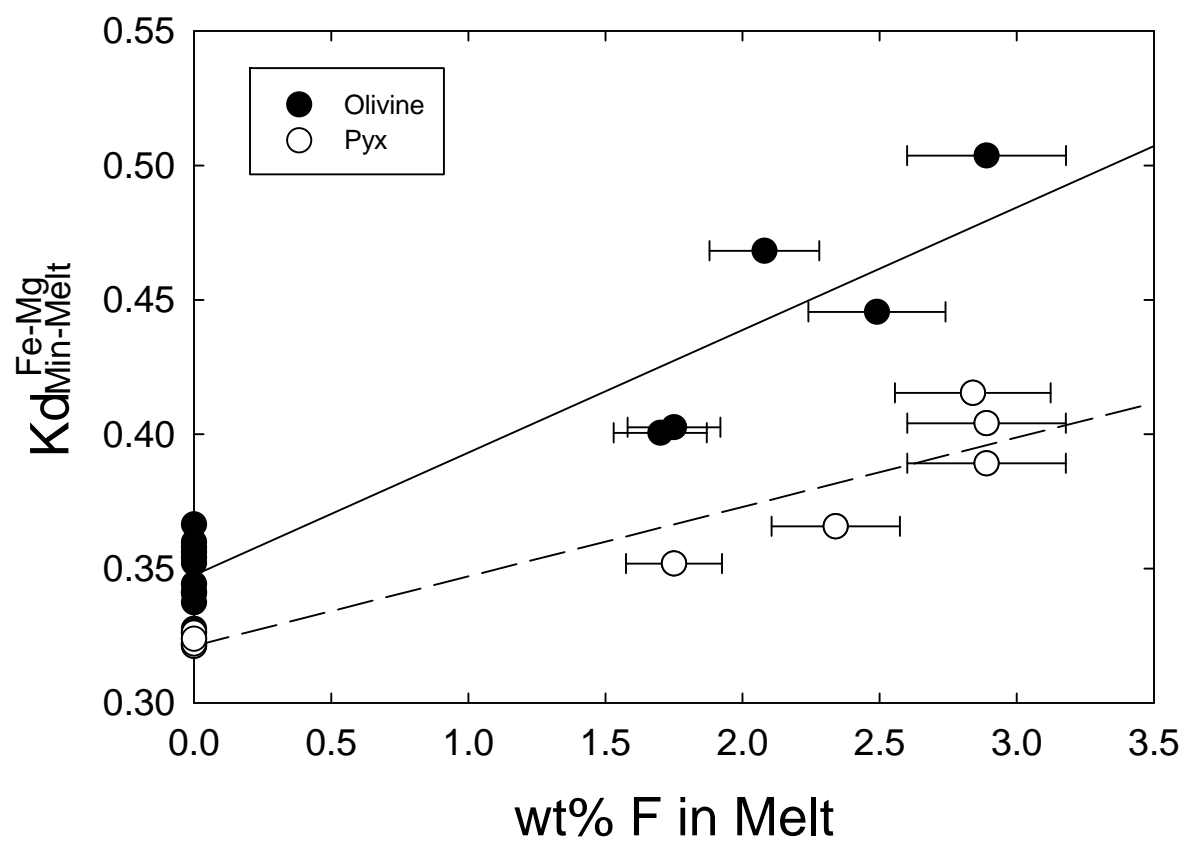












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